

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Takashi NIWA et al. :  
Serial No. 09/740,664 : Group Art Unit: 2878  
Filed: December 19, 2000 :  
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE : Examiner - Thanh X. Luu  
HAVING CANTILEVER AND :  
PROBE FORMED OF TRANS- :  
PARENT MATERIAL, METHOD :  
FOR MANUFACTURING NEAR- :  
FIELD OPTICAL PROBE, AND :  
OPTICAL APPARATUS HAVING :  
NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL :  
PROBE (As Amended) : Docket No. S004-4168

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